

Lake Erie is the *lake of the wild cats*, or as my friend *Dr. Bourinot says, the lake of the *Raccoon*, the Indians resorting in the ancient times to the region round about for raccoons. *Lake Huron* is the lake of the Indian-Huron tribe who seem to have cultivated shocks of hair, (French *Hure*), similar to those of certain African tribes with which we of the present time are familiar from our geographies or from personal observation. *Lake Michigan* is from the Indian *Mishigan*, meaning *monstrous lake*; and *Lake Nipissing* is Indian for *diminutive*, the lake being small by the side of the great lakes. *Kaministiquia* means *wide river*. *Manitoulin* is a Frenchification of the Indian word *Manitouwahining*—"the dwelling place of spirits." *Mattawa* (Indian *Mataowan*) means "place where two rivers meet." *Ottawa*, according to Father Arnaud, means "the place where the water boils and surges" and according to Rev. Mr. Beatty, it means the "River guards," the Ottawa tribe of Indians being so called by the Indians of Montreal because they guarded the river and prevented the irruption of the more northerly tribes into the regions at the mouth of the river. Mr. Sulte thinks the word means "men of the woods." *Penetanguishene* means "rolling of shining sands." *Toronto* means "place of meeting"—a name that well characterizes it to-day, as the boast is that it is the City of Conventions.

When the St. Lawrence River Indians referred to the Maritime Provinces they called the region "Abenakis," derived from *Waben*—"it is dawn" and *Ykki*, "land;" or "land of the dawn or east." The English, who are essentially water-men, have seized upon the other peculiarity and call them the Maritime region. But the "Dawn" land is a fine poetic name.

Abittibi; (*Abitt* meaning "middle;" *Nipig* meaning "water") the middle water, Lake Abittibi being half way between Nipissing Lake and James Bay.

Athabasca; *Ayapp* as *Kais*, meaning "there are rushes, reeds or herbs here and there."

Ka Kouna; *Kâkwa* means porcupine; *nak*, "at the;" equal to "The Porcupine's home."

Chicoutimi; *Ishko*, "up to where;" *timiw*, "it is deep." "The end of deep water."

Shawenegan; *Shavo*, "through," *nigan*, "tool," needle

* I am proud to know that since the above was written the Doctor has received the well merited honour of a K.C.M. G. from the Sovereign.